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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Staff Study of Logistical Staff, OPC.

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1. Herewith is the staff study of [REDACTED] covering "Central Administration and its role in logistics". Several other topics are touched on, although not strictly within the purview of his examination but are by-products thereof.

2. The main points made in the report are

a. The urgency of consummating the OPC-OSO merger and recommending a task force to accomplish this. I concur. I would further recommend that the task force be largely weighted in personnel by those not affected by the outcome, and therefore able to take an objective viewpoint.

b. The assumption by Central Administration of all logistics functions, i.e., everything relating to procurement, supply, transportation, real estate, etc. In this I concur, with the understanding that the Substantive Plans Staffs will, in collaboration with the new Logistics Office, span the gap between planning and actual logistics. *

I feel strongly that just taking over the direction of Logistics is not enough, but that the personnel should also be transferred to Central Administration. If such personnel are left on the T/O's of the various offices, it will only be a matter of time before the present situation is recreated. In making this point, I have in mind, of course, only departmental staffs. The field staffs should be left under the command of the officials in the field, although subject to direct technical direction of the officials of the various components of Central Administration.

c. You will observe that Mr. [REDACTED] recommends "b" be accomplished by setting up under the DD/A an official in charge of logistics and another official in charge of personnel, etc., and a third official to cover what are con-

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merely called housekeeping activities. You will recognize these as things I have talked about from time to time, and I concur with the general idea, although the actual details have to be modified as experience dictates. [REDACTED] also suggests a new type of Comptroller's office. I agree with this concept, but that the Comptroller be under the DD/A's jurisdiction.

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d. The officials referred to in [REDACTED]'s report as G-1 type, G-2 type and the Adjutant, plus the Comptroller, would with their assistants be your staff, and I believe would considerably relieve the pressure that is now on you and your Deputy, leaving you freer for other constructive planning.

e. The other items recommended are important but subsidiary to the main thought. I concur in them, particularly with the recommendation "k" - that of turning over funds for supply and equipment to the new logistics organization, because this I believe among other things will make for more intelligent stockpiling and simpler accounting.

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f. Finally - much of this information obtained by [REDACTED] was through privileged conversations as we wanted to get what people on the firing line actually thought rather than what they felt diplomacy should dictate as proper to tell us.

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1. Staff Study w. attachments.

(Enclosures delivered separately.)

cc: Asst. Deputy Director (Administration)
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